

**WATER WELL RULES, REGULATIONS  
AND STANDARDS  
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## FOREWORD

Today, more than one-half of the population of the State of Louisiana is dependent upon ground water for their drinking, cooking, washing, and sanitary uses. Knowledge of the occurrence and the protection of this valuable resource is not only essential for the economic development, but is vital to the future of the State.

In 1972, the Louisiana Legislature declared the utilization of ground water resources to be a matter of public interest and enacted Act 535 which provided for the development of rules and regulations for water well registration, construction, and plugging and sealing of abandoned wells and holes. In 1976, the Legislature enacted Act 606 which required installation of control devices on free-flowing water wells. In 1980, the Water Well Contractor's (Driller's) Licensing Act was passed and in 1984, it was amended by Act 313 to require the licensing of those desiring to engage in the business of drilling water wells, monitoring wells, geotechnical boreholes, heat pump wells, as well as reworking water wells and plugging abandoned water wells and holes.

The purpose of the rules, regulations and procedures, stated herein, is to implement the above-cited legislative directives and to ensure the wise use of and the protection of the State's ground water resources.

Although these regulations are now considered final, the Department recognizes that revisions or modifications may be required in recognition of changes in technology or to accommodate local hydrologic variations. Such revisions or variances will be effected when found to be necessary.

The cooperation of the well owners, the drilling contractors, municipal and police jury associations, water districts, business and industries, federal and state agencies, and the public is requested and needed for successful implementation of these rules and regulations and to provide the people of Louisiana assurance that our ground water resources will, for many generations, be the State's most important and viable resource.

Thank you for your assistance and cooperation.

  
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